



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log

I am _____ months/years old.

I am starting this program on _____.

I am starting kindergarten in the year _____.

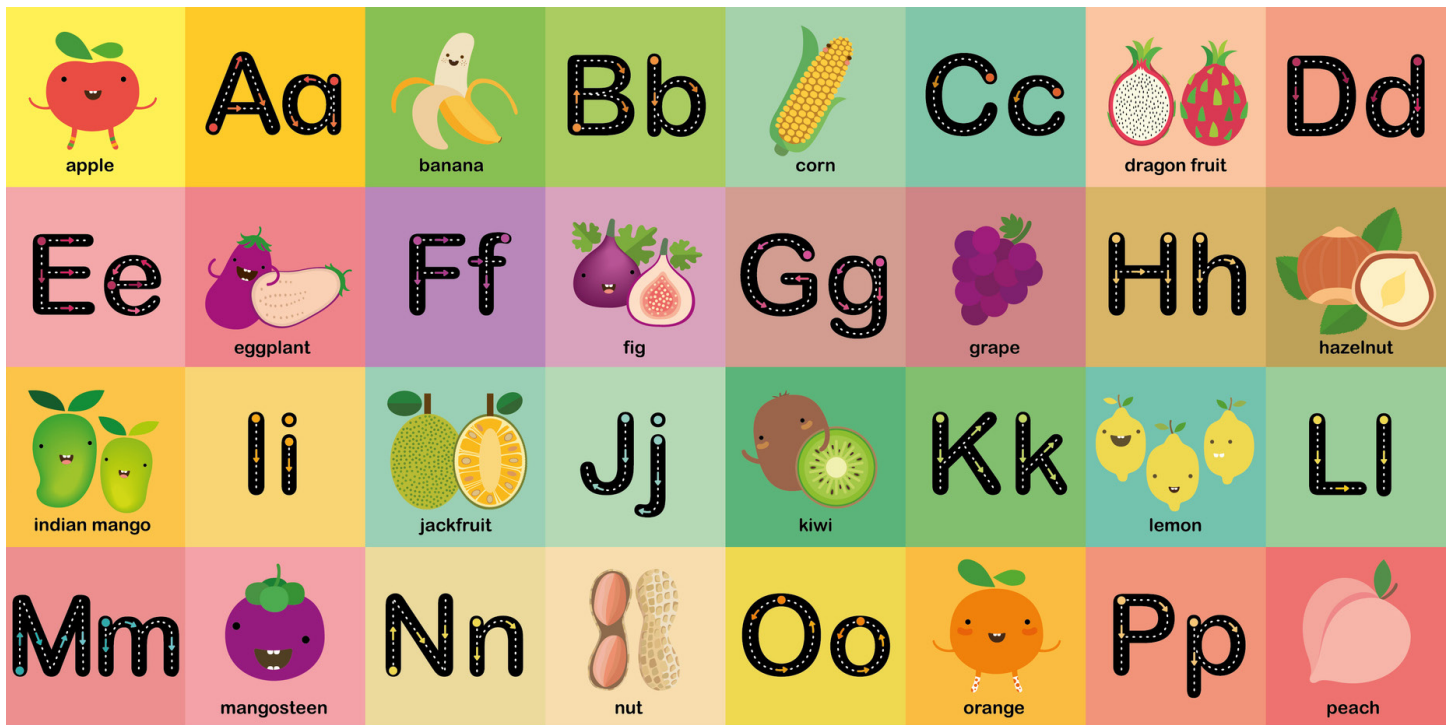
My favorite book is _____.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a reading program for parents and caregivers to complete with their children ages birth to 5. Reading out loud with your child helps them develop important early literacy skills before they start kindergarten — such as speaking, listening and communicating. It's never too early to read out loud to your child! The more words your child hears and the more stories they are exposed to, the better they can understand the world around them.

How to Participate:

1. Keep track of the books you read by coloring in circles each time you read a book out loud with your child. You can also track online by registering at bcpl.beanstack.org.
2. For every 100 books you read, come to any library branch for a sticker.
3. When you get to 1,000 books, come to any library branch for your completion prize!



Tips for Reading Out Loud with Your Child:

Make reading time part of your child's routine. Try reading a book in the morning when your child wakes up, after lunchtime, before naptime or before bedtime — see what works best for your child.

Make reading time exciting. Read using different voices for different characters or pick books with simple songs and rhymes.

Make reading time interesting. Let your child pick out the books they want you to read out loud to them based on their interests or pictures that they like on the cover of a book.

Make reading time comforting. Children love hearing the same books over and over again. It's okay to read the same book multiple times!

Make reading time interactive. As your child gets older, ask them questions about what's happening in the pictures on each page or what they think might happen next.





Frequently Asked Questions

1,000 books seems like a lot! Is it possible to read 1,000 books before my child starts kindergarten?

Yes! This program is self-paced and meant to take several months or years to complete. If you read one book a day for three years, it adds up to 1,095 books. Alternatively, you could read three books every day for one year and it would add up to 1,095 books. You can also count books each time you read them, even if you read them multiple times.

How old does my child have to be to sign up?

This program is intended for ages birth to 5. There is no minimum age requirement.

My child is already in kindergarten or they are starting kindergarten soon, is it too late for them to participate?

We have exciting reading programs for elementary age children as well! Every summer, your child can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Once they enter fourth grade, your child can ask their media specialist about participating in our Battle of the Books program as well. Check out all the other great programming we have for your elementary age child at bcpl.info/events.

Can I log books I've read to my child before this program has started?

If you've already been reading to your child before this program, feel free to record any titles you remember, and approximate the amount of times you've read them. However, we recommend involving your child in tracking. This is an exciting way for them to take ownership over their learning, even at an early age. If you want to start from scratch when you begin, that's okay too!

Does my child need a library card to sign up?


They do not need a library card to sign up for this program. If you are interested in getting a card for your child, you can register for one here: bcpl.info/services/get-a-library-card.html.

Do books that other people read to my child count, such as relatives, daycare providers, teachers, librarians?

Yes! Any book that has been read out loud to your child counts.

What do I do if my child doesn't feel like sitting still for a story, or if we miss a day of reading?

This program is flexible and can fit around your schedule and your child's needs. It's okay if your child doesn't feel like reading one day, or if you miss a day. Just pick back up where you left off when you can.



Books 1-100



Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!



Date completed: _____

Books 101-200



Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!

A grid of 100 empty circles arranged in 10 rows and 10 columns, intended for coloring or marking.

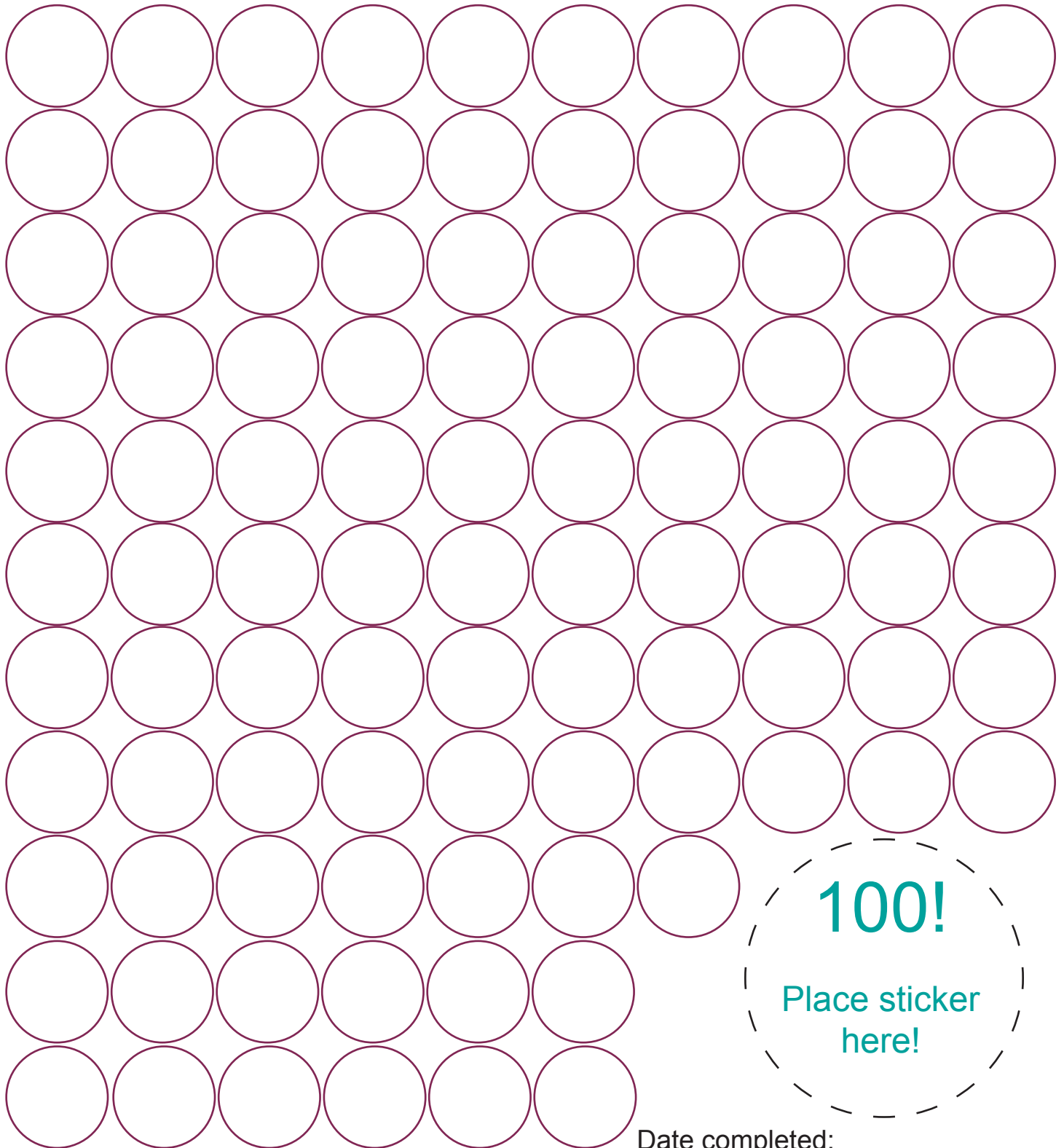


Date completed: _____

Books 201-300

Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!



A large grid of 100 empty circles arranged in 10 rows and 10 columns, intended for coloring to track the number of books read.

100!

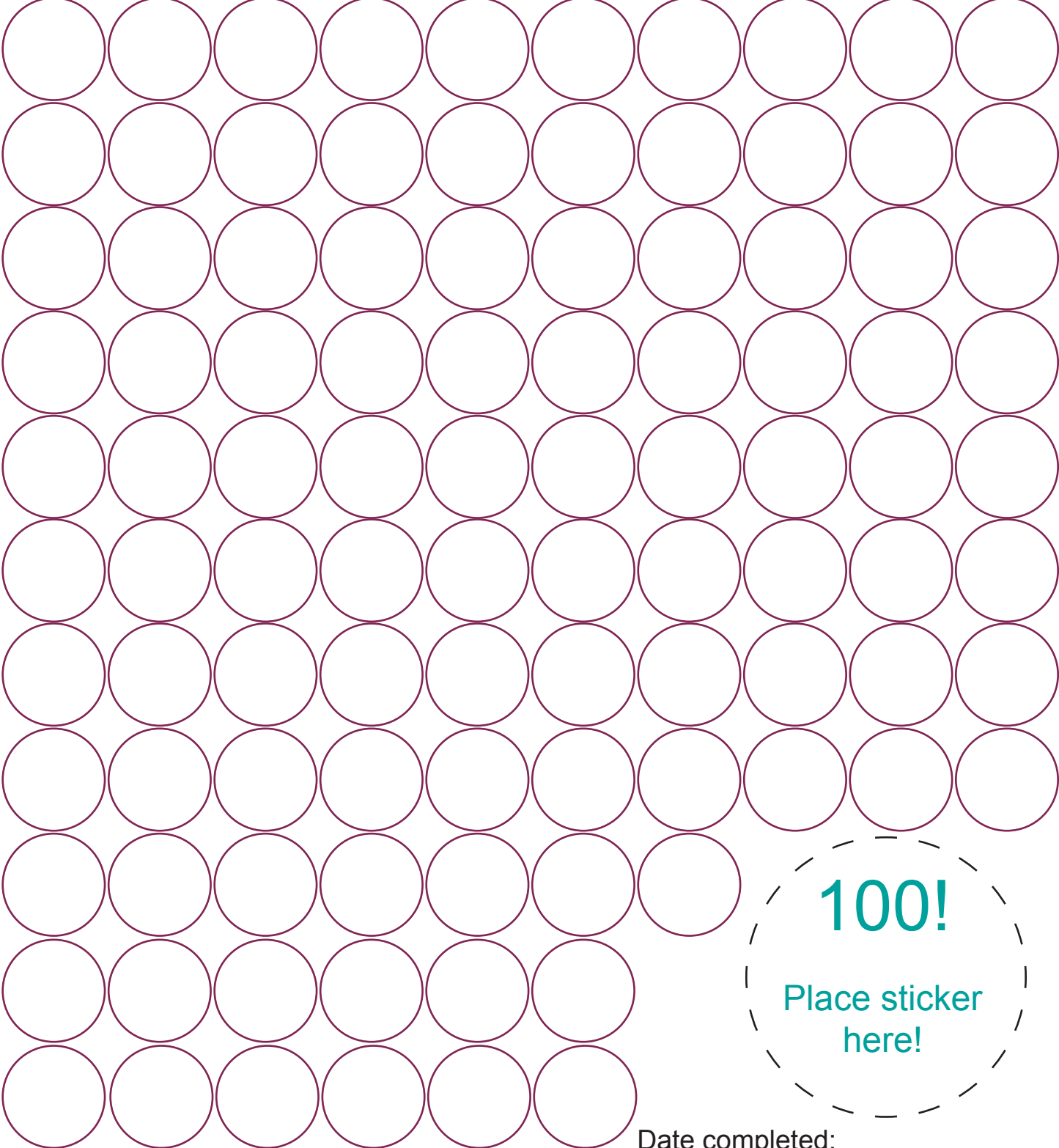
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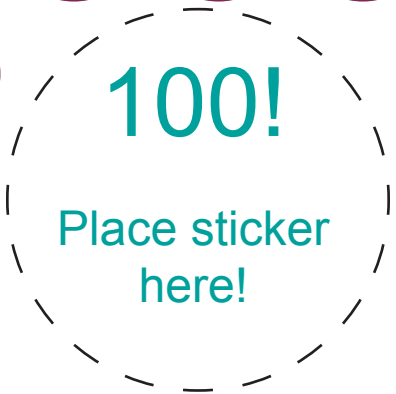
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Books 401-500

Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!





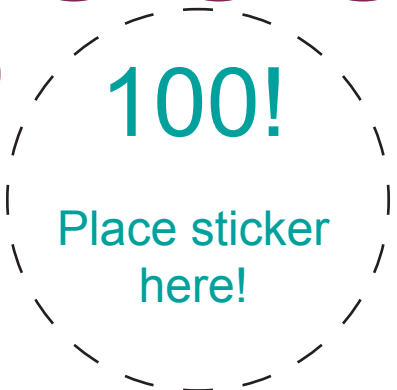
Date completed: _____

Books 501-600



Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!



Date completed: _____

Books 601-700

Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!

100!

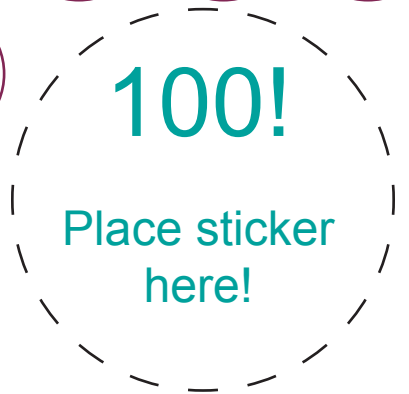
Place sticker
here!

Date completed: _____

Books 701-800

Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!



Date completed: _____

Books 801-900

Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!

A 10x10 grid of 100 empty circles for marking progress.

100!
Place sticker here!

Date completed: _____

Books 901-1,000

Color in a circle each time you read a book.

When you finish 100, visit your favorite branch to get a special sticker!



Date completed: _____

Congratulations!

You have finished
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Even More Ways to Read:

In addition to our print materials, we have children's ebooks in our digital library. Visit bcpl.info/downloadables for more information.



Register your child to attend one of our story times to hear books read out loud by a librarian.

Visit bcpl.info/events for upcoming dates and times.

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact us:
bcpl.info/about-us/contact-us.html.



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